

January 12, 2009
Commissioners Meeting
Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Colfax County, Nebraska was held in the Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse, Schuyler, Nebraska on the 12th day of January, 2009. The County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Jerry L. Heard, Jerold Kracl, and Skip Oehlrich, County Commissioners, Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk, Bo Botelho, County Attorney. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by posting written notice in at least three different public places as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice. Availability of the proposed agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the board. Copies of the Open Meetings Act were posted and available to the public. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was officially convened and open to the public.

The chairman stated a copy of the Open Meeting Act statute is posted and available to the public.

Motion Kracl; second Heard to approve the agenda. Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlrich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Kracl, second Oehlrich to re-organize for 2009 and appoint Jerry Heard to serve as county board chair for 2009. Voting YES: Kracl, Oehlrich and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Kracl to approve the following appointments to the following agencies: NENEDD-Oehlrich; CNJHA-Heard; Region 4/ODD (aka North Star)-Kracl; Region 4/MH-Kracl; NE Nebr. Area Agency on Aging-Oehlrich; NE Nebr. Juvenile-Heard; East-Central Health District-Oehlrich; Prairieland RC&D-Heard and LEOPC-Kracl. Voting YES: Oehlrich, Heard and Kracl. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Kracl; second Heard to approve the minutes of 12/23/08. Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlrich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The weed superintendent gave a report of the activities of his department. Motion Heard; second Oehlrich to renew the appointment of Robert Cerny as weed superintendent and to give authority for the chairman to sign the State Report. Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlrich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk informed the board that all end of year payroll information has been completed. She provided the board with her monthly fees, fund balances and a 2009 brochure and registration form on NACO Institute of Excellence; which needs to be in by January 20th. She has updated the county's auto/building policy information and provided it to NIRMA for the renewal; NIRMA is also soliciting nominations for two positions on the Board of Directors. The clerk informed the board of NIRMA's Annual Conference to be held on 2/11/09 and NACO's County Board Workshop to be held on 2/11/09 to 2/12/09; both events are held in Kearney.

The board received a copy of the monthly fee report of the District Court Clerk.

The board received a copy of the December public defender report.

The sheriff provided a copy of his 2008 4th quarter activities report and notice that all distress warrants have been collected.

Motion Kracl; second Oehlrich to change the meeting conflicts of the board 2nd Monday meeting and 4th Tuesday meeting as follows: September 22, 2009 to September 29, 2009; October 12, 2009 to October 13, 2009; December 22, 2009 to December 29, 2009. Voting YES: Kracl, Oehlrich, and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Kracl to approve Resolution 1-12-09(1) that authorized the county treasurer to invest surplus funds of up to \$7,500,000 with approved financial institutions. Voting YES: Oehlrich, Heard and Kracl. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Kracl; second Heard to approve the bond schedule for elected/appointed officials and bonded employees. A copy of the commissioners bond(s) has been filed with the county court judge. Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlrich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Kracl to approve Resolution 1-12-09(2) which provides for a 2% cost-of-living increase to the salaries of officials, deputies, appointed officials and employees under authority of the county board. Increases will be effective January 1, 2009. Voting YES: Kracl, Oehlrich and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Kracl; second Oehlrich to approve the annual contract for public defender services provided by Gross & Welch in the amount of \$56,650 annually. Voting YES: Oehlrich, Heard and Kracl. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Motion Heard; second Kracl to approve a five year Agreement between Colfax County and Qwest Corporation for a Qwest Bulk Rated Integrated Services Digital Network Primary Rates Service (ISDN PRS). Voting YES: Heard, Kracl and Oehlrich. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The zoning administrator gave a report of the activities of his office; next meeting the board will have four public hearings.

The emergency manager gave a report of the activities of his office; the courthouse generator was started the end of December and he is also looking into a service schedule for the generator.

The board provided an opportunity for public comment.

The highway superintendent gave a report of the activities of the road department and reviewed with the board correspondence from the State Highway Commission of his resignation. He also gave the board an update on the Hughes Payzant Drainage Ditch/Shell Creek Flood; Lumir Jedlicka addressed the board with his concerns. The next meeting for flood control will be held in February.

Motion Kracl; second Oehrich to authorize the chairman to sign the Haul Route Agreement between Colfax County and TransCanada Pipeline. Voting YES: Kracl, Oehrich and Heard. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

The clerk summarized the day’s agenda and action taken.

Motion Kracl; second Heard to adjourn BOC at 1:45 p.m. and to meet again January 27, 2009.
Voting YES: Oehrich, Heard and Kracl. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

I, Rita M. Mundil, duly appointed and qualified County Clerk of said county, do hereby state that the above minutes were recorded by me, are true and correct to my knowledge, are recorded in the Commissioners Records and were completed for public inspection and publication on the 13th day of January, 2009.

Rita M. Mundil, County Clerk
